CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method for enabling a reset of a password for an OS/2 user ID within an OS/2 environment from a Windows server within a Windows environment, said method comprising:

contacting an OS/2 server for said OS/2 environment;

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issuing a new password by said Windows server;

passing said new password from said Windows server to said OS/2 server;

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setting said new password by said OS/2 server; and

returning said new password from said OS/2 server to said Windows server.

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2. The method as set forth in claim 1 and further including displaying said new password on a display device in said Windows environment.

25 3. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said returning is accomplished by sending an email to said Windows server.

4. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said passing is accomplished using TCP/IP.

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5. The method as set forth in claim 4 wherein said passing is accomplished by passing NetBIOS packets to said OS/2 server.

6. The method as set forth in claim 5 wherein said NetBIOS packets are passed through routers to said OS/2 server.

7. The method as set forth in claim 6 and further including displaying said new password on a display device in said Windows environment.

8. The method as set forth in claim 6 wherein said returning is accomplished by sending an email to said Windows server.

9. A storage medium including machine readable coded indicia, said storage medium being selectively coupled to a reading device, said reading device being selectively coupled to processing circuitry, said reading device being selectively operable to read said machine readable coded indicia and provide program signals representative thereof, said program signals being effective for enabling a reset of a password for an OS/2 user ID within an OS/2 environment from a Windows server within a Windows environment, said program signals being selectively operable to accomplish the steps of:

contacting an OS/2 server for said OS/2 environment;

issuing a new password by said Windows server;

passing said new password from said Windows server to said OS/2 server;

setting said new password by said OS/2 server; and

returning said new password from said OS/2 server to said
5   Windows server.

10. The medium as set forth in claim 9 wherein said program
signals are further effective to cause a displaying said new
password on a display device in said Windows environment.
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11. The medium as set forth in claim 9 wherein said
returning is accomplished by sending an email to said
Windows server.

15   12. The medium as set forth in claim 9 wherein said passing
is accomplished using TCP/IP.

13. The medium as set forth in claim 12 wherein said passing
is accomplished by passing NetBIOS packets to said OS/2
20   server.

14. The medium as set forth in claim 13 wherein said NetBIOS
packets are passed through routers to said OS/2 server.

25   15. The medium as set forth in claim 14 wherein said program
signals are further effective to cause a displaying said new
password on a display device in said Windows environment.

16. The medium as set forth in claim 14 wherein said
30   returning is accomplished by sending an email to said
Windows server.

17. A network information processing system comprising:

a Windows server device operating in a Windows environment;

5 an OS/2 server device operating in an OS/2 environment; and

means selectively operable for connecting said Windows server with said OS/2 server, said network information processing system being selectively operable for issuing a

10 new password by said Windows server and contacting said OS/2 server by said Windows server, said network information processing system being operable for passing said new password from said Windows server to said OS/2 server, said OS/2 server being operable to set said new password and

15 return an acknowledgement of said new password from said OS/2 server to said Windows server.